

many! The conflict between the new Empire and the old Papacy is keen and deadly.

In Austria the tide has also turned against the Papacy. "The Austrian Minister of Education and Religion has issued a decree to the provincial authorities, directing them to bring every case of abuse of the pulpit in agitating against the existing laws before the judicial tribunals, in order that the offending priests may be at once prosecuted."

In Bavaria, Herr Lechner, a parish priest was condemned to a year's imprisonment for having said in a sermon that "one could not say whether the Catholic princes who permitted the spoliation of the Pope were princes by the grace of God or by the grace of the devil." He has since been set at liberty; but his condemnation proves that even in Catholic Bavaria, Ultramontanism is not to be permitted to over-ride the law.

In France also the Old Catholic movement is making progress; and from Rome there comes the news that Father Hyacinthe is to publish a work left by the late Count Montalembert, entitled *Spain and the Revolution*, which is said to contain an attack on the Court of Rome and the Inquisition.

Under the rule of the Porte, things are also looking ill for the Papacy. The Bishop of Diarbekir, who was excommunicated by the Holy See, has been elected Civil Patriarch by the Armenian Catholic community; and from the Romish organ, *The Tablet*, we learn that there sympathize with him four bishops and forty priests. The Porte has confirmed the election.

Even in Belgium there is something approaching to rebellion against Ultramontanism.

MISSIONARY AND BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

There are in Great Britain 61 Societies devoted to Foreign Mission work. Dr. George Smith, editor of the *Friend of India*, in a recent address, stated that the sum raised in the year 1870-71, amounted to no less than £800,000 for Foreign Missions alone. Including the amount of money subscribed by Europeans on the mission field themselves, the amount of expenditure would

be raised considerably above a million sterling. The amount supplied by the United Presbyterian and other Churches, independent of funds raised by other means, for foreign Missions amounted to £800,000. Of that sum twenty one societies of the Church of England gave the largest share—£426,000; seven societies belonging to the Nonconformists gave £261,000; seven joint societies of the Church of England and Nonconformists, £101,000; our Scotch churches and societies subscribed £100,000; and our Presbyterian brethren in Ireland sent £13,000. The Church Missionary Society itself subscribed £160,000. The Wesleyans gave £100,000 a year. The old Propagation Society, which was more and more giving its strength to Ritualism, gave their £75,000, and the London Missionary Society, which was composed of Nonconformists, its £70,000. The Presbyterians of Ireland sent their £13,000, and the Presbyterians of England £8,000. The contributions of the Established Church of Scotland to foreign missions last year amounted to but £8,000. The Free Church contributions amounted, if they took them all, including the Continental and Jewish Schemes, to £55,000; but, confining their attention strictly to foreign missions and to the sums raised only in Scotland, they raised £32,000. The U. P. Church raised £36,000 this year.

It is interesting to note that for Foreign Missions—Missions to the Heathen, the United Presbyterian Church raise annually more than any other body in Scotland.

The leading Societies in the United States have contributed as follows during the year 1871-2:

American Bible Society.....	\$689,923
American Tract Society.....	238,132
American Home Mission Society...	294,000
Am. and For. Christian Union.....	82,579
Am. Colonization Society.....	40,661
Am. S. S. Union.....	329,345
Am. Baptist Mission Union.....	214,199
" Home Mission Society..	195,650
" Publication Society....	386,368
Am. Bible Union.....	53,684
Am. Female Guardian Society.....	52,474
Am. Seamen's Friend Society.....	60,123
Am. Congregational Union.....	58,000
Prés. Board Foreign Missions...	457,121
" Home Missions.....	331,043
" Publication.....	313,167